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SUBJECT: LIBYAN GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF 1/4 TON TRUCKS

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WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IN
PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL WITHOUT KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT TYPE
OF TRUCKS ARE INVOLVED. ANY TRUCK BUILT TO CURRENT
MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRES A COMMERCE EXPORT
LICENSE BEFORE IT CAN BE SOLD ABROAD. IF SUCH VEHICLES
WERE DESTINED FOR THE LIBYAN MILITARY IT IS PROBABLE,
UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT STATE WOULD RECOMMEND
TO COMMERCE THAT THE APPLICATION BE HELD UNDER CONSIDERATION
PENDING DEVELOPMENTS IN US-LIBYAN RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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